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CLAIM LISTING

What is claimed is:

- 1. (Currently amended) A method of:
- a) inhibiting the lipolytic activity of hormone-sensitive lipase against triacylglycerols, diacylglycerols, cholesterol acyl esters or steroid acyl esters; and/or
- b) modulating the plasma level of free fatty acids, glycerol, LDL-cholesterol, HDL-cholesterol, insulin and/or glucose; and/or
- c) modulating intracellular triacylglycerol and cholesterol ester stores, intracellular level of fatty acids, fatty acid esters, diacylglycerols, phosphatidic acids, long chain acyl-CoA's as well as citrate or malonyl-CoA; and/or
- d) increasing insulin sensitivity in adipose tissue, akeletal muscle, liver or pancreatic β cells; and/or
- e) modulating insulin secretion from pancreatic β cells; and/or
- f) inhibiting male fertility

in a patient comprising, administering to a patient in need of such method a therapeutically effective amount of a boronic acid, an ester thereof, a prodrug thereof,

wherein the boronic acid, an ester thereof or a prodrug thereof is of the general formula I

$$R^3 - B \qquad O - R^1 \qquad (I)$$

wherein R¹ and R² are independently selected from hydrogen, C_{1.6}-alkyl, C_{2.6}-alkenyl, C_{2.6}-alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, C_{3.8}-heterocyclyl and C₃₋₁₀-cycloalkyl, wherein each of C_{1.6}-alkyl, C_{2.6}-alkenyl, C_{2.6}-alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, C_{3.8}-heterocyclyl and C₃₋₁₀-cycloalkyl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from hydroxy, sulfanyl, sulfonyl, sulfinyl, oxo, thioxo, halogen, amino, imino, cyano, nitro, silyl, boranyl, C_{1.6}-alkyl, C_{2.6}-alkenyl, C_{2.6}-alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, C_{3.8}-heterocyclyl and C₃₋₁₀-cycloalkyl, wherein each of hydroxy, sulfanyl, sulfonyl, sulfinyl, amino, imino, silyl, boranyl, C_{1.6}-alkyl, C_{2.6}-alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, C_{3.8}-heterocyclyl and C₃₋₁₀-cycloalkyl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from hydroxy, sulfanyl,